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Newsletter #43:

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Hello everyone! I'm finally starting to recover from the last few months of traveling. It has been a little draining but also very fun. I've attended some amazing auctions, met with fellow dealers and even got the opportunity to meet some of you in person! The Thanksgiving holiday in the U.S. is already upon us (Thursday, November 23) so I imagine that many in the United States will be in a food coma around that time, making it slightly quiet that day. There are some interesting auctions coming up. Check it out below.

Peus EAuction 420 (closes Nov 18-19)

The second part of the Neussel collection is being auctioned as part of this esale. One can find affordable Roman coins, many of which are pedigreed back to the 1950's. I am registered to bid in this auction so if you need my help please do let me know. Obviously I won't be in attendance so I'm not viewing but I can give you advice should you need it. This auction can be viewed on Numisbids and Sixbid.

Leu Numismatik EAuction 2 (closes Nov 26)

On the heels of their first successful live auction, Leu Numismatik has their second web auction which closes Nov 26. There are 1000 lots of ancient Greek, Roman, Byzantine and world coinage. Browsing through the lots I found a lot of interesting pieces. Might be worth a look. You can view the sale on Sixbid or Numisbids.

Hess Divo "Galba" Auction 333 (Nov 30)

I'm set to telephone bid for this auction if anyone needs extra assistance. I call this the Galba auction but in reality there are other Roman and Greek available in this sale. It is

worth checking out. The Galba portion is the most exciting because of the collector's involvement with the late Sylvia Hurter (of Bank Leu) who helped him to form his extensive collection over several years. If anyone wants a paper catalog I have several I can send out. Please do let me know.

MDC Monaco Auction 3 (Dec 1)

This live auction takes place on December 1. I'm very impressed with the catalog that MDC puts out. One can tell that they put a lot of effort into producing these massive catalogs. Pictures that bring the coins more to life are a wonderful addition and makes their catalogs a bit more exciting to look through. In addition to their lovely catalogs there are some very interesting pieces on offer. All together 1505 coins (220 are ancient) will be auctioned. I'm planning to participate in this auction so please get in touch if you need assistance. This auction can be viewed on Sixbid and Numisbids.

46th Annual New York International Trade Show (January 5-14, 2018) and Bourse dates (January 11-14, 2018)

I can report to you all that my booth number for the NY International Trade Show is 1601. Please know that I am attending auctions previous to the bourse. This is likely the most exciting auction/coin show for all coins dealers and collectors alike. You should all be aware that the location has MOVED this year. The Twin Towers was home to the NY International Coin Show before they went down on September 11, 2001. Sadly after this tragic event the show found its new home at the Waldorf Astoria where it was held until this year. The Waldorf Astoria is undergoing major renovations and will be closed for at least 3 years if not longer. The show was moved to a new location at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, located at 109 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10022, between Park and Lexington Avenues. Many dealers are very excited about the new location for the simple fact that the show takes place in one room versus several rooms as was the case at the Waldorf. Many dealers felt a little left out being in the smaller rooms. Change is never easy and we will all miss the lovely Waldorf Astoria. It is an elegant hotel and historic to boot. The rooms were never great in my opinion so hopefully the Grand Hyatt will be an exciting new location for the show. If you have never attended the NY International you should strongly consider it. It is by far one of my favorite places to be over the course of the year. Anyone who is relevant in our field tries to attend. Yes, I'm actually suggesting NYC in January (brrr.....) but I can assure you that you will not regret it!

The Ayslum Journal

I'm not sure how many of you read the paper version (also now available online) of The Ayslum. It is a great quarterly publication put out by the Numismatic Bibliomania Society of which I actually joined this year! I've been contributing to this journal for the last few years and have thoroughly enjoyed it. As the Society name suggests, the NBS is all about numismatic publications. For those of us that love the research end of coins having a library is great. This last issue I actually wrote about forming a numismatic library. You need to join to get the paper journal and the online version will be made available at that point. This is different from their sister weekly newsletter the E-Sylum, which Wayne Homren diligently puts out weekly. Here is a link to the The Ayslum if you want to join!

<http://www.coinbooks.org/asylum/index.html>

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I have a new shipping address. Please remember to send me payments or catalogs to this new address. There is forwarding on my mail in place but eventually you should all use this address.

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Coin of the Week <http://www.shannaschmidt.com/coin-of-the-week/>

ELIS, Olympia. 134th-143rd Olympiad. c. 244-208 BC

AR Drachm, 4.68g (19mm, 1h). Eagle flying right, tearing at hare held in talons / Thunderbolt with double volutes above and wings below.

***Pedigree: From the RAJ Collection. Ex Lewis Egnew Collection
(Superior, 30 May 1995), lot 7466***

Price: \$1,950

Elis, located in the Peloponnesus, is likely best known for the foundation of the Olympic games in c. 776 BC. The ancient Olympic games were held until 393 BC when the Christian emperor Theodosius outlawed them on the basis of pagan nature of the games. The original games were intended as a festival honoring Zeus, so slightly different than the Olympics we know today. One had to be Greek and prove their Greek heritage in order to attend. Warring groups that attended held truces with each other during the games. There were some sports events involved in the early games but the focus was on the celebration in honor of the god Zeus first and foremost. Political alliances were announced and sacrifices were performed. This inspired the first modern Olympic games in Greece in 1896.

The coinage of Elis all share attributes pertaining to the god Zeus such as an eagle and thunderbolt which is reflected on this coin. These coins represent a small piece of history that even today over 2,200 years later continue to be relevant.

References: Elis Hoard Group II, 6 (same dies); BCD Olympia 235 (same dies); HGC 5, 508 (same dies as illustration)

Grade: VF, toned and nice full detail on the hare

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If you are interested in this coin please email shanna@shannaschmidt.com

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Until next week!

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